

Blue Lake Public Safety Volunteer Groups:

Blue Lake CERT – Community Emergency Response Team

-The BL CERT team has about 12 active members and meets and trains bi-monthly on the 2nd Monday.

-The CERT received the standardized national CERT training which is 23 hours and includes first aid, medical triage, damage assessment, fire suppression, light search and rescue, hazardous materials, a full disaster simulation drill and more.

-Blue Lake CERT is sponsored by the City of Blue Lake and coordinated by the Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. Team members are sworn Disaster Service Workers and are prepared to activate in an emergency. Blue Lake CERT also provides preparedness education and traffic management at community events.

For more information call the Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department at 668-5765 or CERT Team Leader Kit Mann at 707 668-5939.

Blue Lake Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Groups or “Pods”

-Blue Lake Neighborhood Groups, called “Pods”, were started in 2014 by a Blue Lake resident to create an independent network of Blue Lake neighborhoods that are connected and prepared to help each other in emergencies before they happen.

-The Pod concept is based on the “Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Training” materials developed by the local Retired Senior Volunteers Program/Area One Agency on Aging.

-Pods decide how many households to include. Current Pod households range from ten to twenty-five – all households in a neighborhood do not have to join. Pod members decide when and how often to meet - meetings range from monthly to “as-needed”.

-Households exchange information such as phone numbers, maps of house locations and water meter locations, and other contact information that could be needed in an emergency and decide how often to meet.

-Meeting topics can include: making an emergency kit, identifying types of emergencies that could happen locally, Neighborhood Watch/Crime Prevention, etc. Many Pod-members say they feel more connected to their neighbors and their community and they feel safer.

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